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AMC exceeds FY04 retention rate

With the recent reenlistment of a headquarters AMC Soldier, the command closes out its fourth quarter mid-career mission at 100 percent, exceeding last year's rate by 50 percent.

The reenlistment marks a retention of 90 active-duty and 10 reserve-component Soldiers, compared to 76 and four respectively in fiscal year 2004, said Master Sgt. Willene Orr, AMC retention operations non-commissioned officer.

"Overall, AMC is doing well in spite of losing two career counselors from our major subordinate commands," said Orr.

AMC also contracted two common ground station operators (Test, Measurement, and Diagnostic Equipment) this quarter. These Soldiers are the greatest challenge to retain due to their high propensity to transition to the civilian work force and limited allocations available to them in the Reserves, according to AMC retention officials.

"There are only a small number of Soldiers who make our eligible retention population, and we still excelled," said Orr.

Combat feeding spearheads RFID policy

Two members of the Combat Feeding Directorate, Natick, Mass., were rewarded for their contributions to the introduction of Radio Frequency Identification to the Department of Defense.

Gerald Darsch, Combat Feeding director, and Kathy Evangelos, Combat Feeding program integrator, were recently presented with the Office of the Secretary of Defense Award for Excellence by Alan Estevez, assistant deputy undersecretary of defense for supply chain integration, in a ceremony in Washington, D.C.

As a result of their early efforts, DoD was able to quickly adopt and deploy this technology to revolutionize military supply chain management, military logistics and readiness.

"Your vision played a critical role in the adoption of this technology," Estevez said. "DoD would not be where it is today if it were not for your dedication and perseverance in bringing this to the highest levels of DoD."

Sensor integration on tags provides the capability to monitor the status of an item, pallet or container by detecting any number of variables, such as temperature, vibration, rough handling, and chemical biological contamination.

Did you know...

Lt. Gen. Richard A. Hack, the former AMC deputy commanding general, recently presented the 2005 Internal Review Evaluator of the Year Award to Dominic D'Orazio from Communications-Electronics Life Cycle Management Command at the Department of Army Internal Review Training Symposium in Scottsdale, Ariz. Eura Reaves, Aviation and Missile Life Cycle Management Command, and Abby Scruggs, Anniston Army Depot, received awards of merit.

In other news, the following TACOM Life Cycle Management Command associates recently received Black Belt Certification: Mike Dyszynski, Roger Oben, Tom Cronogue and Michael McMaster. Kevin Fahey, the PEO for Ground Combat Systems at Picatinny Arsenal, was also certified before coming to the Detroit Arsenal.

To receive Black Belt certification one must not only complete required training, but also complete a Black Belt level project in such a way that it meets all requirements of a review panel and the Master Black Belt advisor.